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REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims according to the specification and the drawings.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-11, 13-14, 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by USP 6,529,371 to Laio.

Claims 7 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laio in view of USP 5,660,297 to Liu.

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0185944 to Chen in view of USP 6,530,628 to Huang et al. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

Amended claim 1 discloses a mounting assembly comprises a chassis having a front panel and a bezel. The front panel defines at least one mounting opening comprising a large zone and a smaller zone communicating with each other. At least one pivot means with an expanded head portion is provided at the at least one post. The head portion of the at least one pivot means can be extended through the large zone of the at least one mounting opening and slid into the smaller zone of the at least one mounting opening, thereby pivotably attaching the bezel to the chassis, and the hooks can be engaged in the fixing slots thereby securely mounting the bezel on the chassis.

In Laio, a bezel fastening structure comprises a computer enclosure (10), a fixing member (60) and a computer bezel (100). The enclosure (10) comprises a main body (12), a cover (14), and a chassis (16). The main body (12) comprises a front plate (18), a bottom plate (20) and a side plate (22). However, the front plate (18) does not define at least one mounting opening having a large zone and a smaller zone communicating

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with each other. Furthermore, the bezel (100) is not provided at least one pivot means having a head portion, and the hook (102) of the bezel (100) does not extend through the large zone of the protrusions (37, 51), and then does not slide into the smaller zone of the protrusions (37, 51), thereby pivotably attaching the bezel (100) to the main body (12).

Therefore, the amended claim 1 is distinctly distinguished from the cited reference Laio, and should be allowable. Claims 2-8 should also be allowable since each of them depends on the allowable claim 1 directly or indirectly. Especially, in Liu, the screw (32) is screwed into the threaded hole (34) for securing the retaining element (31) only, not engaged in the hole (24). Accordingly, the function of the screw in Liu is different from that of screw in claim 7.

Claim 9 discloses a mounting assembly comprises a first part comprising a front panel, and a second part. The front panel defines at least one mounting opening comprising a large zone and a smaller zone communicating with each other. The second part comprises at least one post. The at least one post is extended through the large zone of the at least one mounting opening and slid into the smaller zone of the at least one mounting opening, thereby pivotably attaching the second part to the first part.

In Laio, a bezel fastening structure comprises a computer enclosure (10), a fixing member (60) and a computer bezel (100). The enclosure (10) comprises a main body (12), a cover (14), and a chassis (16). The main body (12) comprises a front plate (18), a bottom plate (20) and a side plate (22). However, the front plate (18) does not define at least one mounting opening having a large zone and a smaller zone communicating with each other. Furthermore, the hook (102) of the bezel (100) does not

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extend through the large zone of the protrusions (37, 51) and does not slide into the smaller zone of the protrusions (37, 51), thereby pivotably attaching the bezel (100) to the main body (12).

Therefore, claim 9 is distinguished from the cited reference Laio, and should be allowable. Claims 10-14, 16 and amended claim 15 should also be distinguished from the cited reference Laio since each of them depends on the allowable claim 9 directly or indirectly.

Amended claim 17 discloses a mounting assembly comprises a chassis including a front panel, a bezel. At least one post is formed on one of said second side and said fourth side, and at least one mounting opening is defined in the other of said second side and said fourth side to receive said post. The mounting opening comprises a large zone and a smaller zone communicating with each other. Said mounting opening and said post are configured to be in a structural relation which allows said post to not only be freely assembled into the large zone of the mounting opening in a first position but also be restrictively engaged in the smaller zone of the mounting opening in a second position where the front panel is allowed to be forwardly rotatable relative to the bezel until the front panel is closely encountered by the bezel.

In Laio, a bezel fastening structure comprises a computer enclosure (10), a fixing member (60) and a computer bezel (100). The enclosure (10) comprises a main body (12), a cover (14), and a chassis (16). The main body (12) comprises a front plate (18), a bottom plate (20) and a side plate (22). However, the front plate (18) does not define at least one mounting opening comprising a large zone and a smaller zone communicating with each other. Furthermore, the hooks (102) of the

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bezel (100) are not freely assembled into the large zone of the protrusions (37, 51) and not engaged in smaller zone of the protrusions (37, 51) of the cover (14) and the chassis (16), thereby pivotably attaching the bezel (100) to the main body (12).

Therefore, amended claim 17 is distinguished from the cited reference Laio, and should be allowable. Claims 19 and 20 should also be distinguished from the cited reference Laio since both of them depend on the allowable claim 17 directly.

Amended claims 1, 17 and claim 9 disclose a mounting assembly comprises a chassis having a front panel and a bezel. At least one mounting opening comprises a large zone and a smaller zone communicating with each other. The bezel comprises a plurality of hooks along one side thereof corresponding to the fixing slots of the chassis. At least one pivot means is provided at the at least one post. The at least one pivot means can extend through the large zone of the at least one mounting opening and engage in the smaller zone of the at least one mounting opening, thereby pivotably attaching the bezel to the chassis.

In Chen, the Examiner expressly states that "Chen does not disclose each mounting opening having a large zone and a smaller zone communicating with each other, wherein the pivot means with a head portion is engaged with a distal end of the post." Furthermore, in Chen, the projective poles (22) of the faceplate (20) penetrate into the frame body (10) via the second through hole (16) and are matched with the receiving grooves (34) of the control rod (30) so that the other side of the faceplate (20) can also be joined with the frame body (10). However, Chen does not disclose the hooks of the bezel engage in the fixing slots of

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the front panel directly.

In Huang, the penetrated portion (23) can be penetrated through by the tenon part (14) of the mobile seat (1). The tenon portion (24) can exactly receive the connection part (12) of the mobile seat (1) so that the tenon (12) of the mobile seat (1) can be joggled on the through hole (22) of the housing frame (2). The embedded portion 21 can be embedded into the groove (11) of the mobile seat (1) so that the mobile seat (1) and the housing frame (2) can form an assembly. However, in Huang, the mobile seat (1) applies to secure hardware parts. A person having ordinary skill would not consider the structure available to secure a bezel to a chassis. Accordingly, the cited prior arts fail to suggest the desirability of the combination. Even if the cited prior arts suggest the desirability of the combination, neither Chen nor Huang does teach the hooks of the bezel engage in the fixing slots of the front panel directly.

As stated by the Federal Circuit in *In re Fritch*, 972 F.2d 1260, 23 USPQ2d 1780 (Fed. Cir. 1992), *the mere fact that the prior art may be modified in the manner suggested by the Examiner does not make the modification obvious unless the prior art suggested the desirability of the modification*. Since there is no desirability in Chen for a person having ordinary skill to modify the bezel fastening structure as Huang, Applicant submits that the combination of Chen in view of Huang is improper under 35 U.S.C. §103 and cannot be considered to render amended claims 1, 17 and claim 9 obvious.

Claims 2, 4-8, 10-14, 16, 19-20 and amended claims 3, 15 should also be believed to be patentable as dependent claims of amended claims 1, 17 and claim 9, respectively.

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In view of the foregoing, the subject application as claimed in the pending claims is in a condition for allowance and an action to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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